

Positive Reinforcement

What is Positive Reinforcement?

Positive Reinforcement is something that is added after a target behavior occurs to increase the future likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future.

Why use Positive Reinforcement?

- Helps promote target replacement behaviors
- Aids in building motivation
- Aids in building rapport and instructional control
- Helps develop classroom management systems

What can Positive Reinforcement do?

- **Increase** the likelihood of targeted behavior occurring in the future

Positive Reinforcement...

Can be used in various settings:

- Home
- School
 - Schoolwide
 - Class wide
 - Individualized
- Community

Can be used for:

- Instruction
 - New skills
 - Generalization and Maintenance of learned skills
- Behavior
- Social Skills

Types of Positive Reinforcement Strategies

- Token Economies
- Naturally Occurring
- Verbal Praise
- Social Gestures
- Differential Reinforcement